
Daily sitting 21

Tuesday, May 7, 2019

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Following Oral Questions, Mr. Savoie rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Mr. LePage to state that a Minister was “without a heart”. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken and cautioned Members against personal attacks.

Mr. Arseneault rose on a point of order and submitted that it was unparliamentary for Hon. Mr. Flemming to state that Mr. D’Amours was not present for a committee meeting. Mr. Speaker ruled the point well taken.

It was agreed by unanimous consent to allow the Premier to make a lengthy Minister’s Statement.

Mr. Northrup, Member for Sussex-Fundy-St. Martins, laid upon the table of the House a petition urging the government to designate Waterford Road as a tourism route and to upgrade it as such. (Petition 7)

The following Bills were introduced and read a first time:

By Hon. Ms. S. Wilson,

Bill 19, *An Act Respecting the Assessment Act, the Real Property Tax Act and the Real Property Transfer Tax Act.*

By Hon. Ms. Anderson-Mason, Q.C.,

Bill 20, *Statute Law Amendment Act 2019.*

By Hon. Mr. Steeves,

Bill 21, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

Bill 22, *An Act to Amend the New Brunswick Income Tax Act.*

By Mr. Coon,

Bill 23, *An Act to Amend the Electricity Act.*

Mr. Arseneault gave Notice of Motion 47 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, he would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Melanson:

WHEREAS the government has announced the cancellation of the Free Tuition and Tuition Relief for the Middle-Class programs instituted by the previous government;

WHEREAS this decision has been condemned by the New Brunswick Student Alliance, our post-secondary student councils and the university administrations citing concerns that it will reduce access to post-secondary education;

WHEREAS students have categorized the decision as a lose-lose situation;

WHEREAS as a result of this regressive decision by the government, thousands of students who might attend post-secondary education will be unable to afford to do so;

WHEREAS many students who wish to pursue post-secondary education will have to seek part-time jobs and summer jobs in order to afford their tuition and other educational expenses;

WHEREAS this government has further reduced the opportunity for students to attend post-secondary studies by cutting the Student Employment Experience Development (SEED) program which will result in far fewer summer jobs for students;

WHEREAS this will have a negative compounding impact on access to post-secondary education;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to restore the funding to the SEED program to its 2018 level so that many of those students who rely on summer employment to pay for their post-secondary studies will be able to do so.

Ms. Mitton gave Notice of Motion 48 that on Thursday, May 16, 2019, she would move the following resolution, seconded by Mr. Coon:

WHEREAS the findings of the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change demonstrate that to avoid a more than 1.5 °C rise in global warming, global emissions would need to fall by around 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, reaching net zero by around 2050;

WHEREAS the devastating impact that volatile and extreme weather is already having on public health and safety, government finances, and the economy through flooding and intense storms, the spread of tick-borne diseases, and the decline in fisheries such as mackerel, crab and shrimp;

WHEREAS New Brunswick has failed to contribute to meeting biodiversity targets, with an alarming trend in species decline, and that the current forest management system is counterproductive to tackling those problems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly declare an environment and climate emergency;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to immediately implement New Brunswick's climate action plan and increase its ambition by establishing short-term targets for the roll-out of renewable energy and low carbon transport, and to move swiftly to capture economic opportunities and green jobs in the low carbon economy while managing risks for workers and communities currently reliant on carbon intensive sectors such as oil refining and coal-fired power production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge the government to lay before the House within the next six months an implementation strategy for the climate action plan.

Mr. Savoie gave notice that on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Bills 19, 20, 21 and 22 would be called for second reading.

And then, 3.02 p.m., the House adjourned.

The following documents, having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the table of the House pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Air Quality Monitoring Results 2016, New Brunswick Department of Environment and Local Government	April 4, 2019
Response to Petition 5	April 8, 2019
Annual Report 2017-2018 Office of the Attorney General	April 9, 2019
Response to Petition 4	April 10, 2019
Documents requested in Notice of Motion 17	April 10, 2019
Annual Report 2018 Office of the Consumer Advocate for Insurance	April 11, 2019
Annual Report 2016-2017 Office of the Child and Youth Advocate	April 12, 2019